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"METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS
SACCHARIFICATION AND
FERMENTATION OF SPENT CELLULOSE
SAUSAGE CASINGS"

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to a June 5, 2003 Office Communication and Interview Summary,

Applicant requests entry of the following statement.

In the summary of the May 28, 2003 interview, the Examiner noted that "potential strategies for overcoming the objections of record, such as the potential unexpected result of the ability to use less cellulose compared to Lacoste due to simultaneous saccharification and fermentation" were discussed during the interview.

Applicant's attorney emphasized that it is unexpected that one can conduct simultaneous saccharification and fermentation on spent sausage casings due to the presence of chemicals used in the sausage industry to inhibit microbial growth.

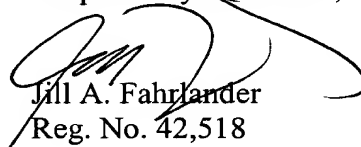
This Statement supplements Applicant's Response and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed June 23, 2003.

Applicant notes that the publication entitled "Simultaneous Saccharification and Fermentation of Cellulose to Lactic Acid" *Biosciences Technology* (1997) 62:91-98, compares simultaneous saccharification and fermentation to simple saccharification and fermentation.

No fee is believed due with this submission. However, in the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

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